# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

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CHAYA GROSSBAUM and MENACHEM GROSSBAUM, her spouse, individually and as guardians ad litem of the infant ROSIE GROSSBAUM,

Plaintiffs,

VS.

GENESIS GENETICS INSTITUTE, LLC, of the State of Michigan, MARK R. HUGHES, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE and NEW YORK UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS CENTER, both corporations in the State of New York, ABC CORPS. 1-10, and JOHN DOES 1-10,

DOCKET NO. 07-CV-1359 (HAA)

**CIVIL ACTION** 

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ANSWER ON BEHALF OF DEFENDANTS GENESIS GENETICS INSTITUTE, LLC and HUGHES, only

Defendants.

Defendants, GENESIS GENETICS INSTITUTE, LLC and MARK R. HUGHES,

M.D., answer Plaintiffs' Complaint as follows:

**JURISDICTION** 

- 1. Neither admitted nor denied for lack of information and belief.
- 2. No answer required from these Defendants.
- Admitted.
- 4. Neither admitted nor denied for lack of information and belief.

## **COUNT ONE**

- 1. These Defendants hereby repeat their responses to the Jurisdictional paragraphs of Plaintiffs' Complaint as if set forth in full herein.
  - 2. No answer required from these Defendants.
  - 3. No answer required from these Defendants.
  - 4. No answer required from these Defendants.
  - 5. Denied in the form and manner alleged.
  - 6. Admitted in so far as the allegation pertains to these Defendants.
  - 7. Denied in the form and manner alleged.
  - 8. Neither admitted nor denied for lack of information and belief.
  - 9. No answer required from these Defendants.
  - 10. No answer required from these Defendants.
  - 11. No answer required from these Defendants.
  - 12. No answer required from these Defendants.

No prayer for relief required from these Defendants.

#### COUNT TWO

- These Defendants hereby repeat their responses to the Jurisdictional and
   Count One paragraphs of Plaintiffs' Complaint as if set forth in full herein.
  - 2. Admitted.

- 3. Denied.
- 4. Denied.
- 5. Denied.
- 6. Denied.
- 7. Denied.

WHEREFORE, these Defendants pray for Judgment in their favor, together with costs and attorney fees.

## **COUNT THREE**

- 1. These Defendants hereby repeat their responses to the Jurisdictional and Counts One and Two paragraphs of Plaintiffs' Complaint as if set forth in full herein.
  - 2. No answer required from these Defendants.
  - 3. No answer required from these Defendants.

WHEREFORE, these Defendants pray for Judgment in their favor, together with costs and attorney fees.

# **COUNT FOUR**

- These Defendants hereby repeat their responses to the Jurisdictional and Counts One through Three paragraphs of Plaintiffs' Complaint as if set forth in full herein.
  - No answer required from these Defendants.
  - 3. No answer required from these Defendants.

WHEREFORE, these Defendants pray for Judgment in their favor, together with costs and attorney fees.

# FIRST SEPARATE DEFENSE

Recovery is barred for some of the claims set forth in this action by reason of the expiration of the applicable Statute of Limitations.

# SECOND SEPARATE DEFENSE

The injuries or damages sustained by plaintiffs were the result of conditions or actions of third persons over whom these defendants exercised no supervision or control.

# **CROSSCLAIM FOR CONTRIBUTION**

These defendants demand contribution from all co-defendants named in the Complaint under the Joint Tortfeasors Contribution Act, as more fully set forth at N.J.S.A. 25A:53-1 et seq.

# ANSWER TO CROSSCLAIMS

These defendants deny the allegations of any and all crossclaims filed or which may be filed against these defendants.

#### JURY DEMAND

These Defendants hereby demand a trial by jury as to all issues in this case.

## PROVISIONAL DESIGNATION OF TRIAL COUNSEL

Please be advised that Stephen N. Leuchtman, Esq. is hereby provisionally designated as trial counsel on behalf of defendants Hughes and Genesis Genetics Institute, LLC pending and contingent upon his appointment as counsel pro hac vice.

# REQUEST FOR ALLOCATION PURSUANT TO RULE 4:7-5 (c)

If any co-defendant settles prior to trial, these defendants will seek an allocation

of the percentage of negligence by the fact finder against the settling defendant or defendants. We will seek this allocation whether or not we have formally filed a cross-claim against the settling defendant or defendants. We will rely upon examination and cross-examination of the plaintiffs' expert witnesses and any and all other witnesses at the time of trial, in support of this allocation. You are being apprised of this pursuant to

N.J. Court Rule 4:7-5(c) and Young v. Latta, 123 N.J. 584 (1991).

# **DEMAND FOR AFFIDAVIT OF MERIT**

Please defendants hereby demand that the plaintiffs serve an Affidavit of Merit pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2A: 53a–27.

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Dated: September 17, 2007

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